

AN ACT

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To symbolically designate the northwest corner of Barry Place, N.W., at Georgia Avenue, N.W., as "Ed Murphy Way, N.W."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Ed Murphy Way, N.W., Act of 2001".

Sec. 2. Findings.

(a) Ed Murphy was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, on December 6, 1930. He attended Shaw Junior High School and graduated from Cardozo High School which are both located in the District of Columbia.

(b) After graduating from high school, Mr. Murphy enlisted in the United States Army. After an honorable discharge in 1950, he returned to the District to embark on his life-long dream of establishing a business in the heart of the inner city.

(c) Mr. Murphy married his high school sweetheart, Edna Beasley, who encouraged and helped to support his business ventures. Two children were borne from this union: Marlene and Keith.

(d) In 1963, Ed Murphy opened the first *Ed Murphy's Supper Club*. Mr. Murphy's dreams and aspirations led him to expand his business on Georgia Avenue near Howard University.

(e) The Ed Murphy Supper Club became one of the most popular attractions in Washington, D.C. In 1972, Mr. Murphy relocated the club across Georgia Avenue and called it the *New Ed Murphy Supper Club*.

(f) The old club site was where he launched development plans for his ultimate dream, the *Harambee House Hotel*. After more than 15 years from when he opened his first store, and during five presidential administrations -- Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan-- Mr. Murphy finally saw the Harambee House Hotel (that later became the Howard University Hotel) open in 1978. The Harambee House Hotel was the first African-American owned

and operated, full-service, first-class hotel in the United States. The facility is now called the Howard Center and houses Howard University staff and faculty.

(g) Mr. Murphy later opened "*Murph*," a full-service fine dining restaurant in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center, located at 14th and U Streets, North West.

(h) In 1992, Mr. Murphy founded the African-American Business Association (AABA), which addresses the needs of small businesses in the black community.

(i) In 1994, Ed and his second wife, Pearl Murphy, founded the African-American Media Incubator (AAMI), which is the nation's first African-American radio broadcast training school.

(j) On December 21, 1997, Ed Murphy departed this life, leaving a legacy of community service and economic development for the disenfranchised. He is survived by his second wife and partner of 20 years, Pearl Murphy, daughters Marlene and Julie, sons Keith and Stephen, and grandchildren, Shaun, Belinda and Monica, as well as a host of relatives, friends, business associates and admirers.

Sec. 3. Pursuant to section 403a of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 11-236; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.03a), the Council of the District of Columbia symbolically designates the northwest corner of Barry Place, N.W., at Georgia Avenue N.W., as "Ed Murphy Way, N.W.," by placing a street sign on the northwest corner of Barry Place, N.W., at Georgia Avenue, N.W., which reads "Ed Murphy Way, N.W.".

Note,
§ 9-204.03a

Sec. 4. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 Stat. 116; D.C. Official Code § 47-392.03(c)), and a 30-day period of Congressional review, as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia

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Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia